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1. On 16 October, 12 Chinese Communist trucks entered Vietnam via Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09). They were carrying 40 Chinese Communist Army cadres and 10 Soviet-made rocket launchers, some with 80 mm and others with 82 mm bore. These rocket launchers comprise the first shipment of new war weapons allocated to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) by the Joint Sino-Soviet-DRV Supply and Service Command at Nanning.
2. On 17 October, 20 trucks carrying 400 cases of ammunition believed to be rockets for the above launchers entered Vietnam via Chinghsi.

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reports the arrival

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